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REMARKS

The above-identified Office Action has been reviewed, and the Examiner's comments carefully weighed. In this regard, Claims 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice according to the requirement set forth in the Office Action under 37 CFR 1.142(b), and Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10 have been amended only for reasons under 35 U.S.C. 112. It is contended that by the present Amendment, all bases of rejection set forth in the Office Action have been traversed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Withdrawal under 37 CFR 1.142(b)

According to the Office Action, Applicants are required to cancel Claims 15-20.

Pursuant to this request, Applicants have canceled Claims 15-20.

Objection to the Specification

According to the Office Action, the Specification is objected to in that at page 6, line 21 before the comma there is inappropriate wording.

Applicants have corrected line 21 at page 6 (paragraph 26) to remove the inappropriate words "from the". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the Specification.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Ground for Rejection:

According to the Office Action, Claims 1-7 and 9-14 are rejected as being indefinite in that: Claims 1 and 9 combine the flooring group and dust recapture systems confusingly; and Claims 2 and 10 should recite the lowest gravitational point as a set of such points.

Applicants' Response:

Applicants have grouped the recitation regarding the flooring group separately from the recitation of the dust recapture system in Claims 1 and 9. Further, Applicants have incorporated the Examiner's suggested recitations for a "set of points" in Claims 2 and 10. Finally,

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Applicants have corrected a typographical error in Claim 8. Accordingly, in view of this amendment Applicant respectfully request the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this Application, and that this Application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, Applicants have made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in the Office Action as well as the statutory requirements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment, allow the claims, and pass this Application on to issue.

Please charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 07-0960.

Respectfully submitted,



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